

Hello Scouts, Scouters, and Parents,

Our next Troop Meeting is Tomorrow (Monday, Aug 24) 7:00 - 8:30 pm United Church of Christ on 9th and Francis. Please park on 9th Ave. We are not allowed to enter other parts of the church.

(Everyone-Please arrive at 6:50 so we can START at 7:00.) We will try to set up tables outside and spread folks out.

Merit Badge Counselors and Adults: Please come to the meeting this week to help out. The boys need to finish up on some merit badges and Rank Advancement Boards of Review. 3 adults are needed for each Board of Review.

UCC REQUIRES EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES DURING THE MEETING. ALSO PLEASE MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS. The church requires us to take everyone's temperature before they enter the Fellowship Hall. **We need adults to stay to the end of the meeting to help us disinfect tables (then the boys can put them away) and the bathroom. THANK YOU for helping make healthy, in-person Troop meetings possible!**

Meeting This Week:

- Last week before the Court of Honor
- Rank advancement, Merit badges.
- Life Scouts are needed for leadership (help sign off requirements) and Scout Spirit
- We Need an MC for the Court of Honor (NEXT WEEK!)
- We are back to wearing our Class A uniforms to Troop Meetings.

Agenda for this Monday:

7:00 Flags **Spartan** is Service Patrol

7:10 Games Outside-To take advantage of our sunlight

7:40 Rank advancement

8:20 Closing Flags, Clean up.

Upcoming Troop Activities:

Next Monday, August 31 Fall Court of Honor (we have not had a CoH since January). 6:30-7:30 pm at the Faith Community Lutheran Church outdoor courtyard on the East side

of the church. Please bring your own chairs and everyone needs to wear a mask. Families need to be separated by 6 feet so Scouts need to sit with their families. No food or drinks will be served. We have invited a special guest speaker so you don't want to miss this celebration.

Monday, September 7 NO MEETING. Labor Day.

Monday, September 14 Troop Meeting. Troop Elections. Meetings now back at First Congregational United Church of Christ for the year. Also, we will be planning for the Shooting Sports Campout.

Monday, Sept. 14 Adult Committee Meeting 8:00 pm. Shooting Sports Campout and discussions about fundraising and Summer Camp 2021.

Sept 18-20 Shooting Sports Campout. Ben Delatour Scout Ranch Shooting Ranges and Campsites. Please sign up in TroopWebHost. New Scouts and older Scouts are encouraged to attend.

Monday, Sept 21 PLC Meeting. 6:00-6:45 pm. Must RSVP so Mr. Martinez can order pizza.

Oct 2-4 Mountain Bike Campout-Curt Gowdy State Park Wyoming. Sign up in TroopWeb Host.

General Announcements:

PayPal is Now Available to make Troop 66 Account Payments! *From Troop 66 Treasurer Scott Francis:* Cash and check are still welcome.. If you have a Paypal account and transfer money from a bank account, you can transfer money to the scout account for no fee. If you use a credit card, you will be charged a fee of \$0.30 plus 2.9% of the value of the transaction. This fee is from Paypal, not the troop. After you submit money via Paypal, I will get an email notification and can send you this notification as a receipt. After I receive the notification, I will credit the scout account in Troop Web Host. This may not happen for several days after the transfer of money. The account is set up as Boy Scout Troop Sixty Six, but you may need to use my email address to find the account:

07consultingcolo@gmail.com

Fundraising Activities:

The Troop has decided to skip the BSA popcorn sale this year.

We will be doing our Butterbraids and Cookie Dough sales in November and December. Keep your eye out for more information.

King Soopers Loyalty Card fundraiser is ongoing..... Please keep scanning your Sooper card when you buy groceries and gas. We earn 5% of these purchases if you link your King Sooper Card to our troop. As a reminder, please share this with your friends and family, this is how you link your card to Troop 66:

- Go to this link: <http://www.kingsoopers.com/communityrewards>
- Sign in to your existing King Soopers loyalty account (if you've never set one up before you'll need to create one. We can help you do this at a Troop 66 meeting. Just bring in your King Sooper Card)
- In the upper left corner, there is a drop-down menu titled "**Save**" then select "**King Soopers Community Rewards**" from the Save drop-down menu
- Click on the words "**Enroll Now**" in the middle of the page
- In the "**Find an Organization**" field search for "**Boy Scout Troop 66 –Longmont, Colorado**" or Organization "**XR517**" (which is our organization's code in the system)
- Click on the **Enroll** button within the box for our organization
- You will get confirmation that you successfully enrolled in the Community Rewards Program. **That's it!**
- Sign out of your account... (Troop 66 does NOT have access to this account or any personal information).
- **Questions? Contact: Scott Francis, Troop 66 Treasurer, (720) 936-1128 or 07consultingcolo@gmail.com**

New Scout Parents Corner:

Hey Parents, feeling like you suddenly have all kinds of extra time on your hands?! If so, please complete the following to get your Scout transitioned into Troop 66:

Get logged in to TroopWebHost, our Scout and Adult Leaders financial account and advancement software program: You should have also received a link to set up your account in Troop Web Host (TWH)

<https://www.troopwebhost.org/Troop66Longmont/Index.htm> Please log in, and set your own password. Also, please enter all of the contact information in all fields. TroopWebHost keeps the "bank account" for your Scout, his rank and merit badge advancement records, and this is where you sign up for our activities such as campouts and other activities. This software keeps track of attendance and other important information.

Please complete your BSA Transfer Applications which moves your Scout from Pack 673 to Troop 66: Here are the applications you will need to fill out. Please print it out and bring it to the meeting. I will need these in order to get your scouts' information transferred in the district and officially part of our unit.

Adult Application <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf>

Youth Application <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-406.pdf>

Fees that are due: You have already paid the \$60 BSA fees for the year so your credit for paying this is automatically transferred to our records. There is a \$25 Troop 66 annual dues that you will need to pay to our treasurer, Scott Francis, which gets you current for 2020 with

the Troop. You can make payments to your account using PayPal. Mr. Francis has instructions for this in our weekly newsletter.

Medical Forms are needed for all activities including meetings, campouts, and Summer Camp. Please complete this ASAP and turn it into me at a meeting.

For normal campouts and activities, the troop will need Medical form A and B.

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

Troop Calendar:

For the current status of all upcoming meetings and troop activities, please reference our Troop Calendar on our Troop Website: <https://bsa66.weebly..com/calendar..html>

Yours in Scouting,

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